(ग) से (ङ) 1996 तक दहन को कम करके तकनीकी स्तर तक लाने के लिए ओ.एन.जी.सी. वांछित परिवहन एवं संपीड़न सुविधाएं स्थापित कर रही हैं । अलग-अलग क्षेत्रों में जलायी जा रही गैस के प्रयोग के लिए ग्राहकों की पहचान कर ली गयी है ।

Wages to workers in LPG bottling plants

8033. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of licensed contractors in LPG bottling plants in the country, particularly in Punjab, district-wise;

(b) the number of skilled/unskilled

(c) the minimum/maximum given to the workers by these plants; and

(d) what are the amenities and facilities given by each plant to the contract workers of LPG bottling plants in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH, SHARMA): (a) and (b) There are 67 licensed contractors who are rendering their services to various bottling plants all Over the country As regards bottling plants in the State of Punjab, two licenced contractors are rendering 'their services at the bottling plants located at Jalandhar and Hoshiarpur. The details are as under:

Bottling Plant	No. of licenced contractors	Skilled	Unskilled
		No. of workers	
Jalandhar	1	16	72
Hoshiarpur	1	..	22
		16	94

(c) The: wages are paid by the licensed contractors to their respective workers as stipulated in the Minimum Wages Act.

(d) Various amenities like rest rooms, canteen facilities, toilets etc. provided at the plants are being availed of by the contract workers also.

Gas agencies in Darbhanga

8034. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM' AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what, is the total number of Gas agencies functioning at present in Darbhanga, Bihar,

(b) whether the number of gas agencies is negligible in proportion to the population; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to increase the number of. gas agencies there;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) As km 1-4-1995, two LPG distributorships were functioning in Darbhanga, Bihar.

(b) to (d) In order to meet the growing demand, Oil Marketing Companies have advertised three new LPG distributorships in Darbhanga.

(e) Does not arise.

Demand and supply of gas connections

8035. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts Government propose to make to ensure smooth supply of LPG in the country, particularly in Punjab; and

(b) the extent of demand and the supply of gas connections in the country during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The demand of existing consumers of LPG in the country including in the State of Punjab, who are enrolled with the distributors of the Public Sector Oil Companies is by and large being met in full. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of bottling plants during extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas.

(b) Allotment of new gas connections is not made on State-wise basis. New LPG connections are released to waitlisted applicants according to serial order of registration, depending on new customer enrolment allotted to a distributor, based on slack available with each distributor waiting list and product availability. A statement showing the number of connections released during the last two years is annexed.

Statement

Demand and supply of LPG connections

(Fig. in 000')

States	Number of LPG connections released	
	1993-1994	1994-95
Andhra Pradesh	100.83	175.07
Arunachal Pradesh	1.92	7.08
Assam	10.92	45.35
Bihar	48.53	125.86
Goa	6.73	8.45
Gujarat	57.66	109.48
Haryana	44.42	65.10
Himachal Pradesh	52.19	48.23
Jammu & Kashmir	32.33	37.39
Karnataka	87.99	119.81
Kerala	64.97	104.23
Madhya Pradesh	52.34	105.06
Maharashtra	168.55	351.02
Manipur	1.79	6.08
Meghalaya	1.77	5.71